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On Your Farm
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Frank Fuhr, Meade, Kansas
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The Orval Spurrier Company closed a three-night engagement in Meade last Saturday night. Without doubt this is one of the best shows on the road. This is their second visit to Meade, and those who saw them say their work is much better than when a year ago. Every member of the company is an actor, and present nothing but first class shows. They carry one of the best orchestras. The members of the company made the acquaintance of a large number of people, and all who met them have spoken in the highest of them. They played to a full house each night of their stay here, and the fact that the receipts were larger each night than the night before, is evidence that they pleased the people. Whenever they return to Meade, and we learn that will be before the present season closes, they will be given a welcome, both on and off the stage. They went from here to Kiowa, where they play a week's engagement.

Rebekah Installation

Last Tuesday evening the new officers of the Meade Rebekah Lodge were installed, and immediately afterward supper was served. The new officers are:

Noble Grand—Cora Hoon
R. S.—Lucy Bunch
L. S.—Ada Fick
Vice Grand—Anna Williams
R. S.—Belle Dettinger
L. S.—Letha Hinks
Secretary—Nellie Scott
Treasurer—Adah Martin
Chaplain—Lida Baxter
Outside Guard—Mrs. Conger
Inside Guard—Mrs. Keith
Organist—Ada Fick
D. D. P.—Laura E. Wood

Departed

Humboldt, Kansas, December 29—Thomas McGannon, widely known business man of Humboldt, died unexpectedly at his home today. He has been in business here more than twenty-five years.

Mr. McGannon was a brother-in-law of Mrs. V. Lawson, of this city, and with his family had contemplated making a visit here.

Big Turkey Trot

One thing is certain and that is, it pays to advertise, or else, it pays to give away turkeys and guineas, when a big crowd is wanted. At any rate the business men of Meade advertised a Turkey Trot, to be staged in Meade, Saturday, December 30, and immediately following a free matinee at Phelps' theatre. A large crowd was the response, and promptly at one o'clock, guineas and turkeys in turn were turned loose from the top of both the Meade State and the First National Banks. Big and little, old and young, alike, went in pursuit of the birds, and so complete was the chase that not one escaped. The matinee "Brown's in Town," was thoroughly enjoyed. The visitors seemed to enjoy themselves, and if they did, then the Meade business men are satisfied, for the event was given in the way of a treat to their customers.

Much Needed Snow

When Meade people awoke last Sunday morning, a mantle of snow, fully three inches deep, and many say four inches, covered the ground. In the south part of the county the fall was not so heavy, while in other parts it was about equal.

The moisture came in good time and will be of great benefit to the wheat.

Scott Lennen has been at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Byrns, for the past ten days. He came to spend his holiday vacation.

The holiday season is now over, and we can all settle down to our several tasks. The observance of the season was very appropriate in Meade, with Christmas trees and entertainments, and all that go to make it merry. One feature we like very much is the effort that was made by those on the committees for programs and treats at the churches, to reach every child, who was not a member of any Sunday school; however this is not unusual with the church people of Meade, it is more usual, than unusual. It is a good idea, and therefore worthy of mention.

Isaac Covalt is Host to His Children at Dinner on Christmas Day

Arising from his bed, Isaac Covalt again preserved his custom of sitting as host to his children and grand children last Christmas day. Not one was absent, and but for the fact of Mr. Covalt's sickness, it would have been a merry gathering of kinship.

His children are: Mrs. Z. O. Gollmer, Mrs. Fred Ross, Mrs. A. I. Nichols, Mr. Elmer Covalt, and Charles Covalt, the auctioneer, from Englewood. All the children, with the exception of Mrs. Nichols, of Wichita, live within a short distance of Meade. The other relatives present, and the only other relatives living in Kansas, were Mr. Thomas Burroughs, a brother-in-law, who has made his home with Mr. Covalt for several years, and M. G. Burroughs and wife, a nephew and niece.

Nothing was lacking except perhaps the old time merriment that Mr. Covalt himself was wont to so heartily indulge in. All the customary Christmas goodies with all the trimmings were there for the inner man.

Upon preparing to arise from the table, Mr. Covalt asked them to remain seated while he gave to each of the children the Christmas check, signed by his own unsteady hand, and let it be said of Mr. Covalt that his signature is one of those that makes any document good.

He is a well known man throughout the state from having been in the land and cattle business ever since he came to the state which is about 40 years ago, and by his superior business ability he has accumulated quite a nice fortune, owning 2,000 acres of the finest farm and pasture land in Meade county and 280 acres in Stanton county, and 320 acres in Lane county.

Mr. Covalt is one of those men who could distinguish between that which looked promising and that which really was promising.

He came to Kansas from Wayne county, Indiana in 1872 and settled near Hartford, but in less than a year, moved into Coffee county where for about 25 years he followed the cattle business in the old time cattle way of the open range.

Selling his holdings there he moved back to Lyon county where for a short time he fed and sold cattle. Then in 1878 he and James Evans of Hartford formed a partnership and continued the handling of cattle in Chase county, handling from three to four thousand head yearly.

About 6 years ago he went to Texas and purchased land but after a few months of fruitless efforts in perfecting titles, he let loose and came back to Kansas and again placed his money in Kansas land.

Mr. Covalt knows both land and cattle and now though confined to his bed, he conducts his business in both with his old time vigor and sagacity. xx

FOR SALE:—Choice, re-cleaned, Sumac, Early Golden, Yellow Sourless, and amber canes, dwarf red and white maize, fetterita, all \$4.00 per 100 lbs, prepaid on the Rock Island west of Hutchinson. Get catalog.

Claycomb Seed Store,
Guyman, Oklahoma.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bisbee of Plains, Jan. 1, 1917.

It was my good pleasure to be present on that occasion with about 40 others, neighbors, friends and relatives. The day was fair and warm, with a bright sunshine, and the day was spent very enjoyably. All of Mr. Bisbee's children and grand children were present and the day was spent in visiting, with stories of old times of pioneer life in Kansas and reminiscences of early life of 50 years ago in Illinois, when even that country was considered on the frontier. We old people took a retrospective view of early life and longed to be young again, but none of us had much desire to pass through the trials and hardships of our early life, but were all thankful that an allwise God had dealt so mercifully with us; finally to break in on our wandering thoughts of things past and gone forever, dinner was announced, and such a feast of good things I am sure I never saw upon any occasion in my life, and I have seen many and helped to partake of them, and the only regret that I could have was that our stomach did not have the capacity to hold; yea, not even taste of all that was passed us, talk about hard times, scarcity of provisions, high cost of living, etc., one would not have thought such was the condition of things had they had the pleasure of being seated at Mr. Bisbee's upon his golden wedding anniversary.

Speaking of gold, it was sure a golden day. Gold was everywhere, both in coin, decoration about the home, and all the presents. And there were many of them, even from far off Michigan; all had marks of gold upon them, with a token of love and best wishes for the aged couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Bisbee are in the best of health, and bid fair to enjoy life for many years to come. Such occasions are rare when so many good things are to be enjoyed in a social way, as well as the good things to satisfy an appetite and to look upon the love tokens from dear friends and children who have gone out from us to make their own way in the world.

Our hearts were sad in one way, but made glad in others, to know that they have not forgotten us in our old age and the fire of life and affection is made to burn anew upon all such occasions, both from children and friends. This is as it should be, let us all show and manifest our love for each other while we are yet here for when we are dead and gone it will do us no good, or bring to us comfort, to say nice things about us, or to bestow floral offerings upon our casket, I for one say: "Give to me what is my just due while I am living."

May God's richest blessings be upon Mr. and Mrs. Bisbee in their old age and may they live long and enjoy the friendship, love and esteem of their children and friends and neighbors.

M. S. Gillidette.

The mask ball given at the opera house New Year's eve, was a delightful affair. There were costumes of all styles and varieties displayed. Major Dalgarn and Miss Ruby Brennemen were awarded the prizes for having the best costumes.

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With this issue The News enters upon another year, No. 1 Vol. 18. For seventeen years it has paid a weekly visit to your home, telling you of the affairs, good, bad, and indifferent of the community, and of the progress of Meade and Meade county.

We enter upon the new year with no remorse of conscience; our policy has been to deal fairly with each and all, and we have done that to the best of our ability. As we recall the transactions of the past year, we can truthfully say not one has been unpleasant, and we trust that in the year that is yet new, the same will be true.

We desire at this time to thank all our subscribers, advertisers, and all who have in any measure patronized us, and to assure you that we appreciate your business and hope for a continuance throughout 1917, and for each we wish a prosperous and happy year.

Married

Mr. Samuel Woodard and Miss Jeanette Casey, both of New York City, were united in marriage on Thursday, December 28, and left immediately for Buffalo, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Miss Casey is a niece of Mrs. John Wehrle, of Meade, and will be remembered by a large number of our people, whose acquaintance she made while on a visit here, two years ago.

We haven't the pleasure of knowing Mr. Woodard, but we do know Miss Casey, and, therefore know he's lucky in securing so capable a helpmate.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard will reside in New York City.

The News extends congratulations.

The jury in the case of the State of Kansas vs. Dan Van Wormer, charged with killing the Morton county sheriff, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree Friday, December 22, after being out less than an hour, and taking but one ballot. After motion for a new trial was overruled, the defendant was sentenced for the term of his natural life to hard labor in the penitentiary. A stay of execution of the sentence until May 15 was granted, during which time the defendant's attorneys will perfect an appeal to the Supreme court. Van Wormer was ordered to give bond in the sum of \$25,000 to the effect that he would perfect the appeal and abide by the judgment of the court. Van Wormer remained in jail until his bond was approved by the court.

I. O. O. F. Banquet

The I. O. O. F. banquet, came off as advertised, Monday evening, January 1st. Between two and three hundred were present and thoroughly enjoyed the big feast.

In glancing over our exchanges, we have observed the announcement of an unusually large number of Community Christmas Trees this year. It seems that such a plan could be none other than good for the reason that it would divide the work of arrangement and program among a larger number, and the effect would be more general, for the reason that children who are not members of any Sunday school would be reached in this way.

Men's Meeting

"God Be Merciful to Me a Sinner." Come to the Men's Meeting at the Baptist church Sunday at 3 p. m. These meetings are for all Meade; not denominational. Last Sunday was the greatest meeting yet held; a number of new men; 8 to 10 splendid worth-while talks, with stirring evangelistic hymns led by Brother Saggars. The life-line is thrown out to you, brother. Jesus wants you to come. He wants to show you just the way He would have you go during the year 1917. Will you disappoint Him? Competent committee now has charge of all music. The singing will be led by J. E. Saggars. Frank Fuhr will lead.

Start Quail Colonies

W. C. Tegmeier, state fish and game warden, is looking for a dozen farmers over the state to start "quail colonies." Co-operation on the part of a dozen men, or sportsmen's clubs, will greatly increase the number of quail and opportunities for shooting in the state in the next five years, Tegmeier said yesterday.

"If a dozen farmers in different parts of the state will lease me from ten to twenty acres of ground for five to ten years," he explained, "we can start a quail farm at each place. Land that could not be used for much of anything else, rough, wooded stuff, ravines and draws, would be admirably suited for the work. There ought to be a number of patches of land that could be planted to millet, kafir and other grains. These need be only a few hundred square yards at a place, but enough to give about five acres to the whole tract."

"This department would furnish eggs and bantam hens to set on them, fence in the 'hatchery,' and also supply a number of pairs of quail. At the end of the first season each colony should produce at least 100 quail. Half of these probably would stay right on the ground, the rest would work out over the surrounding country and stock up the neighborhood with quail. At the end of five years several counties around each colony would be well supplied with quail for hunting."

"Farmers furnishing the ground would be made deputy game wardens and be placed in charge of the quail. I have no doubt but that we can find plenty of men who will take advantage of the opportunity."

The present five-year closed season on quail in Kansas does not expire until the end of 1918, Tegmeier is going to ask the next legislature to allow quail shooting for the first two weeks in December, 1917. He says there are enough quail in the state now to allow two weeks' open season a year, with a limit of ten birds for a day's shooting. —Topeka Capital.

Notice

Having disposed of my stock of hardware to Mr. J. A. Johnson, I hope the same kindness and patronage may be shown him that the good people of Meade county have shown me. Those knowing themselves indebted to me will please call at the place of business and settle. MRS. S. P. BUNCH.

Resolutions of Respect

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church deeply feel the loss of our sister Mrs. M. J. Rosenberry who was ever ready to assist us in our work, when physically able.

We as a society extend our sympathy to the family in their sorrow.

Mrs. Bunch
Mrs. Conger
Mrs. Haver

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MEADE, KANSAS

